DINNER TO

The Law-Makers of the Upper Branch the Guests of President Willard.

THE REPAST MOST ELEGANT

Speeches Full of Wit and Wisdom Follow the Enjoyment of the Table's, Pleasures.

The dinner given by Lieutenant-Governed Joseph E. Willard to the members of the Senate of Virginia, over which he has presided so impartially, yet withat so modestly, for the past two years and more, was a delightful finale to the longest session of the General Assembly of Virginia. The dinner was served at the Westmorsland Club, and that famous old organization, the scene of so many gatherings of this nature, nover sheltered a more harmonious assemblage than that gathered there last night. The teasts were all impromptu, and many of the responses were brief, but all were eminently suited to the occasion, and the bon homic that marked this Democratic gathering, where Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Attorney-General and President of, the Court of Appeals, touched elbows with the employes of the Senate and the press representatives, and all dwelt together in delightful harmony.

MOST ELECANT REPAST.

Captain Willard, with chaarcteristic modesty, had reacred to the function as an informal little dinner, to be served at 8 o'clock, but without intention to impeach the Lieutenant-Governor, the Westmoreland's chef, experienced though he is in such affairs, never served a more elegant menu more faultlessly, and guests never paid more substantial ribue of the new took of the centing, it was the speech of the evening. It was the "Vale" which must always follow the "Salve," even on delightful occasions, and "was reliarly appropriate that the sweet strains of "Auid Lang Syne" should follow an address so happily conceived, so appropriate, and so felicitous is his valed'eventy to the Senate, in which it may be added, no man has taken a higher place within a two-year session than he.

Beginning on the right, those occupying seats at the toastmaster's table were Attorney-General William A. Anderson, Judge James Keith, President of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia; this Excellency, Governor A. J. Montague; the host of the evening. Lieutenant. Governor Joseph E. Willard; the toastmaster, who, by the way, is admirably equip

MORE THAN A QUORUM. There was more than a quorum present he senators seated around the festu There was more than a quorum present, the senators seated around thee festal hoard being; Messre. John S. Chapman, C. M. Wallace, W. P. Barksdale, E. F. Cromwell, Bland Massie, S. R. Donohoe, Henry T. Wickham, D. Gardiner Tyler, W. A. Garrett, E. J. Harvey, Don P. Halsey, A. R. Hobbs, George B. Keezell, the veteran in point of service and the giant of the Senate, J. Lawrence Campbell, John N. Ople, JABoyd Scars, W. W. Sale and George S. Shackelford, Beslass there were Clerk Button, Sergeant-at-Arms Watkins, and Doorkeeper Samuel M. Donald, and the committee clerks, and assistant clerks of the Senate, including Messis, T. A. Lynch and Harry Mann, first and second assistant clerks; last, but not least Mr. William Wilson, librarian, affectionately known as "Uncle Billy," and beloved by all in the body. Of course, there were the reporters, also,

This made up the party, Many had 14 send their regrees, notchly Senator Meliciter.

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Senator Wickham presided with a fe-licity of which even his admirers hardly expected. He was an ideal toastmuster, and added much to the pleasure of the

evening.

IMPROMPTU TOASTS.

The toasts were all more or less impromptu, and all were eminently of the after-dinner order, conceived purely for the pleasure and good humor of the occasion. It is a source of regret that at the ferred the occasion to the realm of things

late hour, when Auki Lang Syne transferred the occasion to the realm of things past, it was so late as to preclude more than a bare mention of the responses to the toess, many of which were unusually happy. As it is, but a bare enumeration of them can be attempted.

First on the list, Senator Wickham toasted the host, and the Lieutenant-Governor responded with an expression as lineere as it was modest and appropriate. Then came "Virginia," to which Governor Montague, in his happiest vein Made fitting response.

"Ine Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia," was responded to by Judge James Keith, president of the court and a jurist who has his peers, perhaps, but a superior, hardly. With a modesty commensurate with his morit and ability he acknowledged the honor paid the ermine.

"The House of Delegates" was responded to by Speaker John F. Ryan, of Loudoun, a gentleman universally esteemed for his kindliness of heart and his thoughtfulness of others, Mr. Ryan was warmly received and deserved the reception.

"The Senate of Virginia" was respond-

tion.
"The Senate of Virginia" was responded to by Senator George S. Shackelford, of Orunge, a man known for the fidelity of his friendship and his unswerving devotion to duty. "The Liliputian" measured fully up to the occasion, which was no small one.

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A"TORNEY-GENERAL'S ADDRESS
Attorney-General Anderson, representing the Department of Justice of the State. responded happily to the toast, "The Effect Upon the Constitution of Eating, Drinking and Being Merry." Major Anderson entered fully into the spirit of the occasion and left food for thought anid 1 is pleasantries.

"The Officers of the Senate of Virginia" was a toast to which Clerk Joseph Button responded in excellent style, and in eminent taste without having to be "proceed," as the toastmaster's pun instinanced.

"presed," as the toastmaster's pun intimated.

"The Press" was responded to by Mr.
Arthur H. Taylor, of The Times Dispatch, in a voin of pleasantry.

"The Chairman of the Democratic
Party" was responded to by Hon, J.
Taylor Ellyson. Mr. Ellyson's impromptu
address was embiently in order and was
thoroughly enjuyed, his references to the
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"Eternity Knocked Out by Time" was the unusual toast, the response to which was assigned to Colonel George Wayne Anderson, the senator from Richmond Anderson, the senator from Richmond Anderson, the senator from Richmond city, Senator Anderson, as usual, used

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the occasion to point a moral and adorn a tule, calling attention to the import-ance of the military arm of the govern-

SENATOR CROMWELL'S SEARCH FOR BURGLARS

SCANUTI FUN BUNGLARS

sonator E. F. Cromwell, of Norfolk county, was called from the banquet, at the Westmoreland Club, last night by reason of a telephone message, stating that there were burglars in the house, on East Grace Street, at which he boards. There were only the laddes in the house when Serator Cromwell arrived, and he was told that a burglar had locked himself in an upper room, A revolver was manded him, and amod with this he searched the residence, finding the room in question untashed. The alarm of the laddes was allived, and, if an intruder had entered the house, he took mysterious leave.

CONDUCTOR KILLS TWO NEGROES

VICKSBURG, MISS., Dec. '22.-Two negroes. Peter McLenden and Jake Husband, were killed to-day in a pistol fig. t. with Conductor R. F. Carr. of 1 so. inbound passenger train. The negroes were drunk and attempted to create a disturbance. Conductor Carr ordered them to to quiet, when the biacks, drawing revolvers fired at the conductor. He rep.e and lifteen shots were exchanged. At the end the negroes fell mortally wounded. Carr was not burt.

Another Steamer Ashore. (By Associated Press.)

ANTWERP, Dec. 22.—Another large steamship has gone asbore near where the Read Star line steamer Fina digrounded on Saturday last. Owing to the fog which provails the observer ashore have up to the present been up a to ascertain the vessel's name. Tre Fi land went assore at Nieuwersluis, near Flushing, Holland.

Jenkins' Victory.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec 22.—Tom Jenkins, of Civeland, Ohio, in a catch as catch can match with Dan McLeod, of Canada, at the Madison Square Garden to-night, secured two out of three falls.

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CHANGE THE

TIDEWATER SENATORS.

"Senators from Tidewater," was gracefully and eloquently responded to by the
orator of the Senate, Hon, J. Boyd Seary.
Thythine phrases and happy hits strove
for the mastery in his well timed address
and ho deserved the spontaneous applause
accorded him.

"The Minority" was the tonst assigned to
Senator Revercomb. of Alleghany, the lone
representative of the minority party in the
Senate present on this occasion, He made
a most enjovable response and paid a generous tribute to the host and to his fellew-members of the minority.

The "Volue of Adjournments" was the
tenst assigned to Senator Barkedale, of
Halfarx, who in his response made mriny
hits and showed that it was sometimes
the wisest and the best thing to do to
lifedfourn. He took some elever thrusts at
his reflew-senators.

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While the object of the law-to rid the county of the tramp dogs with which it is intested-is commendable in every respect, the statute provides a method which is decidedly odlous to many of the peeple and to all of the constables who have severely disregarded it. The dogs are assessed and the bill of the man who falls to pay up, is placed in the hands of a constables, who has the right to collect an additional fee for his trouble. If the owner refuses to pay when the constable appears, the officer shoots the dog. One trouble is that ownerless dogs cannot be assessed; another, that the constables cannot collect the tax; a third, that the law makes no provision for the removal of the carcases of the dead dogs. The constable kills the animal and leaves the body where it drop, a proceeding that is, to say the least, a menace to the health of the community.

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These things make the law a practical dead letter. Some of the citizens are considerably stirred up over the matter, and dire threats are heard now and then of what will happen if the dog killing ever begins. There is a very considerable movement for a change in the law, and it will probably crystalize into something. Considerable favor is shown to a proposed medal law, under which all dogs without a tag or a medal will be killed and properly removed from the public highway.

The Childrey contempt case will be up in the County Court to-day and will probably prove an interesting proceeding. Mr. Childrey is commissioner of the revenue for the Upper District of the county. In a supplementary report, the election grand Jury charged him with tumpering with one of the witnesses.

The Old Dominion Excelsior Company has been chartered by Clerk Broaddus, of the Circu't Court. The company will have its head office at Glen Allen, in Henrico county. It will manufacture excelsior from pine. The capital stock is \$5,000 to \$0,000, The officers are as follows: President, W. C. Saunder's; Treasurer, George B. Hutchins, and Secretary, Franklin Stearns.

Scarlet fever continues to rage in several sections of the county, and efforts are boing made by the Board of Health to check it. Coroner James said a day or two ago that every precaution was being taken to prevent a spread of the disease.

The Christmas holiday in the Henrico schools began Monday, to continue two weeks. Super'ntendent Fussell has now inspected every school in the county, and reports the general condition (*) be excel-bent.

Two small frame structures at Graham and Marshall Streets were burned to the ground vesterday involving a loss of about \$500. One was a store occupied by Emanuel Jones, and the other a dwelling, the residence of Isaac Brown.

A STATUE TO PIERPONT

West Virginia Places Image of Men Who Cracked Safe in New-Her War Governor in Statuary Hall at Washington.

LEE STATUE IS DISCUSSED

Sentiment of South Is to Remove It to Richmond if Any Respectable Opposition Arises.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.-/ mar-ble statue of Francis H. Plerpont, the 'War Governor" of West Virginia, has seen placed in Statuary Hall at the Capitol, under the act of Congress in-viting each of the States to place statues of two of their "lllustrious" sons in the formally received as soon as Congress fixes a date, which will be at the request of the delegation from West Virginia, Senator John E. Kenna is the other representative of Vest Virginia in the Hall, marble statue having been placed there

a marble statue having been placed there some years ago.

Little or nothing is heard these days of the movement to have the State of Virginia present the statues of George Washington and Robert E. Lee as the representatives of the Old Dominion in the Hall, though it is probably generally known that the work of completing the statues, under at act of the General Assembly, is well under way.

THE, LEE STATUE.

It is absolutely impossible to say whether there will be open objection to the placing of the statue of General Lee in the Hall. It is not thought by the members from the South that there will be objection from the North, but there are indications that Western members may object. There is not believed to be any doubt that if the matter comes to a contest—the Congress—would vote overwhelmingly to receive the statue of General Lee. But there is a sentiment among members from the South that if there is any respectable opposition to receiving the Lee statue it should be returned to the Capitol at Richmond, and that the status of Washington should also be taken back to Richmond, and placed in the Capitol or the State Library.

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taken back to Richmond, and placed in the Cap'tol or the State Library.

A member of the House said last night that the opposition of the Southern people to any measure looking to recognition of the Southern people to any measure looking to recognition of the Southern soldier by the national sovernment undoubtedly caused the members from other sections to have a tendency to vote against anything like a bill for the reception of a statue of a Confederate soldier.

Senator Kenna was a soldier of the Confederacy, and his is the only statue of a Confederacy and his is the only statue of a Confederacy and his is the only statue of a Confederacy and his is the only statue of a Confederacy and his is the only statue of a Confederacy of Confederacy the House of the camps of Confederate veterans opposing the Rixey bill providing that the national government should pay to States which maintained homes for disabled Confederates one hun-red dollers a year for every veterab so maintained, the North is being heard from on the same subject General Martin McMahon, president of the Board of Managers of National Soldiers Homes, has filed with the War Department a strong protest against the bill. The report says that the hill should be defeated if for no other reason that it contemplates rewarding men for one of the greatest against the bill. The report says that the bill should be defeated if for no other reason that it contemplates rewarding men for one of the greatest orimes that can be perpetrated against a government. He thinks that if the Confederates were allowed to enter Federal soldiers' homes, battles of the war would be fought over with such vigor that the police would have to interfere. Mr. Rixay's bill does not propose to compel Federal soldiers to go into homes for Confederate soldiers, nor vice versa. CONFEDRATES IN ARLINGTON. R. E. Lee Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, of this city, laved decided to give a ball at Rauscher's Hall early next month for the purpose of raising funds with which to erect headstones at the graves of Confederate soldiers who are buried in Arlington Autional Cemetery.

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Members of the Confederate Camp, and the Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans of this city will assist in making the affair a success. A number of mombers of Congress from the South and their wives promise to aid in the undertaking. There are 26! Confederate soldiers buried in Arlington Cemetery. The bodies were gathered from the various cemeteries in the suburbs of Washington and placed in the semi-circular plot selected for their final resting place. The identity of the bodies is known in every instance, but there is nothing to mark the graves.

A new uniform for the Marine Band will be recommended for use when the band plays indoors at the White House and elsewhere. The leader's coat will be read

plays indoors at the White House and elsewhere. The leader's coat will be red with white trimmings. The second leader's coat will be similar to incleader's, except that the collar will be blue and piped with white, the leader's collar being gold. The cuffs will be blue, piped with white. The private a coat will be red, with black trimmings, with black collar, piped with white. The trousers for all members of the band will be black, with red stripe. It is thought that these recommendations will undoubtedly be opproved by the commandant of the marrisproved by the commandant of the marrie

CARDINAL GIBBONS TO CROWNED HEADS

BALTIMORE, MD., Dec. 22—Cardinal Gibbons gave to the Associated Press, only the following translations of his Christmas greeings recently sent to each of the members of the College of Cardinals throughout the world and to the Catholic crowned heads. The latter are the Emperor of Austria, the King of Spain, the King and Queen of Portugal the King of Beiglum, the King of Saxony and the Prince Regent of Bavaria. The text of the letter addressed to the crowned heads is as follows: "Upon the approach of the nativity of our divine Saviour it is my duty to wish your most Catholic Majesty all prosperity and at the same time to offer most forvent prayers to the most high that He may shower down upon you every grace and all heavenly helps for the true weifare of your kingdom.

"Muy it please Your Majesty to accept this wish which I humbly offer together with the sentiments of homage in which I have the honor to declare myself, with most profound respect, your most Catholic Majesty's most humble, devoted and dufful servant."

To his fellow-cardinals His Eminence wrote: "Upon the recurrence of the feast of

Emanuel Jones, and the other a dwelling, the residence of Isaac Brown.

The statement that the supervisors would meet yesterday was a mistake. The board will meet to-day for its final session.

THE BURGLAR

port News Chased Thousand Miles and Identified.

MANY SHIPS LOAD COAL

Three Negroes Arrested in Newport News Believed to be Responsible for Robberies.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 22.-Ed. Callahan, allas J. E. Russell, and his pal, who are in jail in Mobile, Ala., charged who are in jail in Mobile, Ala., charged with safe blowing, are the men who at tempted to crack the safe of the Newport News Furniture Company a month ago unless the police are very much mistaken. Chief of Police Case, of Mobile, has been communicated with, and as soon as the identification of the prisoners has been established, requisition papers will be asked for. The Mobile police will, of course, have the first claim on the pair, and the local authorities will hardly be able to claim them until they have answered for their offenses in Alabama.

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To locate crooks a thousand miles away a month after an offense, has been committeed, without as much as a name or a description to work upon, seems almost miraculous, but that is just what was done in this case.

FOUND A LETTER.

When it was discovered that an unsuccessful attempt to blow the safe of the furniture company had been made, the police made a careful inspection of the premises. Within a few feet of the safe Sergeant Reynolds found a letter, which had evidently been dropped by one of the cracksmen. The letter was addressed "Dear Brother," was signed "May," and was written in Cincinnali. In the letter the writer called the names of several of her friends and spoke of her brother as "Ed." Sergeant Raynolds sent the letter to the Cincinnatipolice, asking that they make an effort to learn the identity of "Brother E."

This was done, and Sunday Sergeant Reynolds received a letter from Chief Millikan, of Cincinnal, enclosing a picture of Ed. Callahan, and stating, that Callahan was now in the Mobile jail charged with safe blowing.

From, Mobile it has been learned that Chief Millikan has positively identified Callahan by a photograph sent him by Chfef Case.

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The coal business at this port is unusually brisk just, now. There are more schooners and barges in port than there have been for months, and yesterday four bunker steamers and one cargo steamer were handled. It is predicted that records will be broken in the import and exhort trade during the remaining winter months. The trade has not been particularly brisk of late.

The Corporation Court will adjourn Wednesday for the Christmas holidays, Judge Barham has given a decision in the case of Einstein Brothers, of Cincinnati, against T. W. Dyson and others, giving Einstein Brothers possession of the Dyson building.

CROOKS ARRESTED.

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During the past few weeks there have heen a remarkably large number of robbries and cases of housebreaking reported to the police, and, although each natrolman has been instructed to be more than usually vigilant, hardly a Saturday night passes without a bold plees of work on the part of the crooks. Today three negroes, who are believed to be responsible for a large part of the work, were landed behind the bars.

The negroes are John Booth, alias "Shorty": Richard Herring, alias "Soup," and Frank Spicer, alias "Old Folks." They were traced by a ring, which was taken from H. W. Lenz's grecery store last Tuesday. A hole was cut in the back door of the store, the bar was raised, and the robbers helped themselves to everything they wanted. The cash drawer was rifled and a gold ring was taken with the cash.

The ring was disposed of, and in time came into the hands of Sergeant Reynolds and Detective Robinson. As the result, the three negroes were arrested to-day.

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The cases were continued a week, and it is thought that by that time the police will have evidence enough to convict the prisoners on several charges of house-Death of Mrs. Julia Ledbetter.

Mrs. Julia Ledbotter died at 2 o'clock this morning at her residence. No 14'3 West Main Street, aged twenty-one years, She leaves her husband, Mr. Henry Led-better, and one child. The remains will be taken to morrew morning to Taylorsville, where the inter-ment will be made.

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To introduce our delic ous 250 Java and Maracaibo Coffee to the public, we will sell it for one week only at 19 cents per pound. This Coffee cannot be bought for less than 200 after this sale. Comeenly and avoid the rush you experienced at our last Coffee Sale.

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15c., 25c., 5oc. commands a fine All-Linen Handker-chief for women, any initial. You will find these superior to any Kerchief at same cost.

\$15.00 puts you in possession of a Coat in either Mode or Black, that for grace and style cannot be expressed in words. Corset backs.

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Crepe Cloths, in generous shades and in the serpentine effect, at 12 1-2c. yard.

At the same little figures we add the Danish Cloths and many choice effects in Outings and Flannelettes. EOLIANS at \$1.00 are still coming in, as the trade de-

mands the varying shades. Those on the waiting list can now be supplied.

JAPANESE SILK in white we want you to see, especially the grade we show at 37 1-20. The majority now endorse it as the best ever seen in

this market. FUR PIECES are eminently correct at present, and all the figures are lowered, even during this cold snap.

Deliveries the same day of sale. Give us the chance of serving you.

309 E. Broad Street.

STOP ARREST OF SAILORS

Norfolk Police Too Active in Trying to Collect Reward for

Sailors Staying Over Time.

Great Pickling Factory to be En- S. H. HAWES & CO. larged to Take Care of Products of Norfolk County.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 22.-The arres of alleged naval deserters by the police of this city is summarily to be stopped, This is to be done as much in the in terest of the naval service as of the effi-

terest of the naval service as of the efficiency of the policy force. The latter, as stated, is badly deranged by the activity of the force in holding intoxicated sailors beyond liberty and demanding \$10 each for them as deserters.

Captain Thomas, commanding the receiving ship Franklin, where the men arested are carried, has been called in conference on this subject by the Board of Police Commissioners.

ENLARGE PICKLE FACTORY.

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ENLARGE PICKLE FACTORY.

The great pickling factory of the Heinz
Compuny at Port Norfolk is to be enlarged in order to take care of the products of the Norfolk county truck gar-

dons.

The horrible discovery was made by cemetery policemen that the dead body of a child had been thrown over the wall at Cedar Grove Cemetery to-day. The child was but a few days old and had been murdered.

MYSTERIOUS DIGGERS.

Whether burglars who have had a train-

MYSTERIOUS DIGGERS.
Whether burglars who have had a training in the corps of engineers and have graduated as proficient miners and sappers are operating hereabouts or whether somebody is looking for burjed treasure in the callar of Mr. v. C. Matthews' residence, No. 112 Middle Strees, Portsmouth,

dence, No. 112 Middle Strees, Portsmouth, is not known.
However, this morning, shortly before 3 o'clock, two men gained an entranea to the cellar of the residence through a side window, on the southern side of the house. They made no effort to reach the apartments above, but confined their operations solely to the cellar. They both day a pick and a spade and soveral bacs.

bags.

A hole about a foot deep and about four feet long and two and a half feet wide had been excavated when the intuders were frighteened away. The noise made by them in digging aroused Mrs. Matthews and her sister, who was with hor. They raised the window and screenied for help, and this alarmed the neighborhood. Mr. Franklin D. Gill, a next door neighbor, responded and shot several times at the two men as they made their oscape. their oscape,
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their oscape.
Whether they were white or colored men is unknown. There is apparently no chie to the identity of the two men or their strange mission. The idea that the men were after buried treasure is heightened by the story of a resident of the neighborhood, who says that some time agu he was waited upon by an aged man who informed him that he was the proprietor of ground covering buried treasure.

The old fellow, who was unknown to the gentleman, pointed out the exact spot where he said the treasure was hidden. He was told that there was a clstern at that point, and that if there was ever any money at the place it had long since d sappeared.

The police made an investigation of the strange occurrence of last night, but to date, nothing is known of the object of the midnight intruders.

Kindle Up.

You say you have trouble kindling your fires. Why have trouble when we have

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PRESIDENT IS UNEASY

Working Hard for Confirmation of General Wood's Promotion.

HE MAKES SOME PROMISES

Agrees Not to Make His Pel Commander-in-Chief for Some Time to Come.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22 --To some of the senators who have particularly interested themselves in the pending Wood nomination, with an eya especially to the protection of some of the veteran officers of the army, the President has expressed himself very plainly to the effect that these officers have nothing to fear in the immediate future. As it was pointed out to him that there was considerable apprehension among the triends of these army officers lest upon the retirement of General Chaffee with the rank of Heutenant-general, the President might appoint Major-General Leonard Wood to be Heutenant-general. Involving the "jumping of a number of distinguished general officers who never would have a chance to attain the highest rank by reason of General Wood's incumbency in the place for ifficen years," the President has expressly declared that he has no such intention. Incidentally, that involved an undertaking on his part to promote some of these general officers referred to after General Chaffee's retirement. He did not state that when he had made such pomotions as he saw fit he would not close the list by appointing General Leonard Wood to be lieutenant-general. The understanding thus reached with the committee is expected to have an important influence upon the action that will be had upon the Wood nonthation. that there was considerable apprehension

WENT THE LIMIT.

Jack O'Brien Given Decision Over Jack Sullivan.

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Licensed to Wed.

(From Our Regular Cor espondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22—The following marriage licenses were granted Virginians in Washington to-day:

John C. Crippen, Herriden, Va., and Elizaboth Goobel, of this city.

Fiorre Rowe and Lena Morris, both of Decrifield Va.

S. L. Scott, of Fredericksburg, and Marlan L. Reeves, of this city.

Charles A. Harris and ida Clemmer, point of Staupton, Va.

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